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# TRICK OR TREAT YO SELF

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PARTY DEETS AND  
OTHER INFO YOU  
NEED TO LIVE YOUR  
BEST LIFE FOR  
HALLOWEEN  
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HALLOWEEN  
GUIDE



# EAT

## BLANKET MUSIC SERIES

### Antique Taco

1000 W. 35th St. 773-823-9410

Bring a blanket and get cozy outside the **Bridgeport spot**, where you can snack on fresh roasted turkey tacos with mole and cranberry tortillas (\$4.50) while listening to live music from The Little Family Band. 7:30-9:30 p.m. No cover.



### PUMPKICK PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY

**Benchmark** 1510 N. Wells St. 312-649-9640

Have New Belgium Pumpkick spiced seasonal ale and light appetizers while carving a pumpkin, with the best, most creative and ugliest gourds winning New Belgium swag and gift cards. 7-9 p.m. \$15. Tickets: [benchmarkchicago.com](http://benchmarkchicago.com)

# DRINK

## 21ST AMENDMENT BYOT PARTY

### Fountainhead

1970 W. Montrose Ave. 773-697-8204

Try He Said pumpkin Belgian-style tripel and pumpkin Baltic porter and other beers from the San Francisco brewery (\$6-\$8) and bring your own T-shirt, hoodie, scarf or tote bag to get their logo screen-printed on it. 6-9 p.m. No cover.



## FALL & HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING & DECORATING

### The Piggery

1625 W. Irving Park Road 773-857-1667

Dress up faux pumpkins with flowers, ribbons, spider webbing, skulls or bugs while enjoying drink specials including \$15 Bud family buckets and \$4 Tito's vodka cocktails. 7-9 p.m. \$45. Tickets: [craftsanddraftschicago.com](http://craftsanddraftschicago.com)

## 3-DAY FORECAST



THURSDAY

**59** **44**

A bit cloudy



FRIDAY

**53** **42**

A bit chilly



SATURDAY

**60** **47**

Just right

# DO



## URBAN WILD

**Millennium Park**

201 E. Randolph St. 312-228-1004

See the fall plants growing in **Lurie Garden** and sample honey made by its bees by itself and as part of a small-batch Goose Island beer. Vendors sell produce, soap, baked goods and more, and they'll also be giving out seeds you can plant at home. 4:30-6:30 p.m.



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 217-344-2549

# SCARED SLEEPLESS

AIRBNB OFFERS CHANCE TO SPEND A NIGHT AT DRACULA'S CASTLE IN TRANSYLVANIA



## Associated Press

Dracula's castle will have overnight guests on Halloween, marking the first time since 1948 that anyone has slept in the Transylvanian fortress.

The site's actual name is Bran Castle, and two people will get to sleep there Oct. 31 thanks to a promotion by Airbnb. The guests will be wined and dined, then left alone to lie down in red velvet-trimmed coffins just as Dracula did in the Bram Stoker horror novel that popularized the legend.

The castle is famous for its connection to Vlad the Impaler, a real-life prince who stayed there in the 15th century and had a cruel habit of using stakes to impale his victims. Vlad inspired Stoker's story of Count Dracula.

The Airbnb contest to find guests for the night launched Monday. Applicants were asked to use their "vampiric wit" to imagine what they'd say to Count Dracula if they met him. Winners will be flown to Romania and then taken to the castle set dramatically in the Carpathian Mountains. If they're too spooked to sleep in the coffins, beds are on hand.

The castle is one of Romania's top tourist

attractions, with more than 630,000 visitors a year. Hosting the one-off Airbnb event is a descendant of Bram Stoker, Dacre Stoker.

"I want to make it both realistic and show the legend in the wonderful country that birthed the whole thing," Stoker said in a telephone interview. He'll play the role of Jonathan Harker, a character from the novel who encounters Dracula at the castle. When the winners arrive in a horse-drawn carriage, he plans to greet them using the same words Dracula used in his ancestor's story: "Welcome to my house! Enter freely. Go safely, and leave something of the happiness you bring!"

Stoker added that staging "Halloween night in Dracula castle" was a way of "re-creating the book, and giving people a good experience and a good scare."

The winning pair will tour the castle, then be treated to a candlelight dinner of chicken

paprikash, the same meal described in the novel. Airbnb's rules for the night are simple: no garlic or silver jewelry—both believed to ward off vampires—and this reminder: "The count is not a fan of mirror selfies." (According to legend, a vampire's image cannot be seen in mirrors.)

Bran Castle was originally a military fortress, strategically set on a highway that links Transylvania to southern Romania. Vlad the Impaler did not own the castle but is believed to have used it briefly during his incursions in Transylvania. He is also believed to have been imprisoned in the castle for two months in 1462 when he was captured by a rival Hungarian king.

Vlad impaled his victims as punishment for wrongdoing. His victims reputedly included all the elderly residents of one community to avenge the deaths of his father and brother.

Following World War I, the castle was given

to Queen Marie in gratitude for her role in unifying Transylvania with the rest of Romania. She bequeathed it to her youngest daughter, Princess Ileana. In 1948, the Communists seized it from Ileana.

In 2006, years after communism ended, the castle was returned to Ileana's son Dominic Hapsburg, a retired New York architect. His sisters spent their childhood there. A Romanian company manages the castle, which is rented for weddings, soirees and corporate events. Hapsburg plays an active role in the site, but nobody has stayed overnight there since Hapsburg and his family were exiled from Romania.

The castle is very popular with tourists. "We just love Halloween, so what drew us to Romania was Transylvania," said Gina Ricciardi of Boca Raton, Fla., visiting with her husband and friends. "We wanted to see Dracula's castle and just experience the whole Dracula."

Might Count Dracula himself show up on Oct. 31?

"Did he really die at end of the novel when he was stabbed with [a] knife? Bram leaves the question ambiguous," Stoker said. "But if he's still floating around, he would make an appearance."

### BRAN CASTLE HOUSE RULES

"No garlic or garlic-scented items allowed.

You are kindly requested to leave your silver jewellery at home.

Do not cross the cutlery. In fact, please refrain from placing anything in a Cross formation.

Beware of the bats in the castle tower.

Please close all curtains before sunrise.

The count is not a fan of mirror selfies."

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# sports



## JUST CHILL

20 CHICAGO ATHLETES SHARE THEIR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN MOVIES

### RedEye

Although opponents never scare them, athletes are like the rest of us when it comes to their favorite Halloween movies. Some live for classic frights, others prefer modern chills. And still others are into witches and friendly ghosts, or can't stand scary films whatsoever.

Twenty Chicago athletes shared what gets their adrenaline pumping come Halloween.

FREELANCE REPORTERS BRYAN CRAWFORD AND SCOTT KING CONTRIBUTED.

#### “BOOGEYMAN”

**Patrick Doody**, Fire defender

One movie that really scared me as a kid was “Boogeyman.” I was like 12 at the time, and I remember being scared of my closet for probably a good six months. The movie isn’t even that scary, either. To date though, the scariest movie I have ever seen is “The Strangers.” I was asked to leave the theater because I kept kicking the guy’s chair in front of me so many times.

#### “CASPER”

**Doug McDermott**, Bulls guard-forward

My favorite Halloween movie as a kid growing was “Casper.” Remember that one? But recently I saw this movie called “Don’t Breathe.” That was very scary, almost unhealthy to watch. I don’t recommend anyone see that.

#### “THE FOURTH KIND”

**Brandon Vincent**, Fire defender

I wasn’t a big fan of scary movies as a kid, but as I’ve gotten older, they’ve grown on me. “The Fourth Kind” was one that left me pretty spooked and curious about aliens.

#### “FRIDAY THE 13TH”

**Brian Campbell**, Blackhawks defenseman

I’m not a big scary movie guy, but probably all

the Jason [“Friday the 13th”] movies. Growing up I always watched them, probably didn’t want to watch them, but I ended up watching them. I remember also watching “The Blair Witch [Project].” That was pretty scary walking out to your car after the movie.

**Jordin Tootoo**, Blackhawks forward

Jason [“Friday the 13th”], the original. I was a young kid back then. I thought it was the freakiest thing ever. Probably didn’t sleep for the rest of the weekend. It just seemed real.

#### “HALLOWEEN”

**Taj Gibson**, Bulls forward

My favorite movie is the original “Halloween” with the first Michael Myers. I didn’t like the remakes too much because they got kind of crazy, but the original was really scary.

**Betnijah Laney**, Sky forward/guard

I watch scary movies all year round and get excited for the scary movie marathons through October. It’s hard for me to pick one, but if I had to choose it would be “Halloween H2O.”

**Cheyenne Parker**, Sky forward

My favorite scary movie is the “Halloween” series.

#### “HOCUS POCUS”

**Jimmy Butler**, Bulls guard-forward

It has to be “Hocus Pocus.” And don’t make fun of me because it’s a Disney movie.

**Isaiah Canaan**, Bulls guard

I can’t remember too many Halloween movies. I liked “Hocus Pocus,” that was good. And if I had to pick between Jason, Freddy or Michael Myers, I’d probably go with Jason. He was cold-blooded with it.

#### “JEEPERS CREEPERS”

**Imani Boyette**, Sky center

[I like] “Don’t Look Under the Bed,” “Ghost Ship,” “Thirteen Ghosts” and “Jeepers Creepers.”

**Bobby Portis**, Bulls forward

My favorite Halloween movie is probably the first two “Jeepers Creepers.” Those were crazy.

#### “MAMA”

**Vinnie Hinostroza**, Blackhawks forward

The one with the dolls. They go in like a different dimension or something. Is “Mama” scary? “Mama.”

#### “NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET”

**Dwyane Wade**, Bulls guard

I didn’t really get into scary movies too much around Halloween, even though I’ve watched all the “Nightmare on Elm Street” and all the “Friday the 13th” movies. If you ask me to pick which one is scarier between Jason, Freddy or Michael Myers, I’ll probably go with Freddy because he comes when you’re asleep.

#### “THE RING”

**Trevor van Riemsdyk**, Blackhawks defenseman

“The Ring.” That was one that was a big deal to watch. I think that scarred me for life. That came out when I was pretty young. I remember watching it in a hotel room at a youth hockey tournament. Haunted me for a little bit, I think.

#### “SAW”

**Eric Gehrig**, Fire defender

My favorite scary movie was probably the first few “Saw” [movies]. Talk about twisted!

**Michael Stephens**, Fire midfielder

My favorite scary movie is “Saw.” Not sure who came up with that, but they have some issues.

#### “SCREAM”

**Richard Panik**, Blackhawks forward

“Scream.” That was the first scary movie I saw when I was a little guy. It made me a little bit scared after. When I watch it now, it’s pretty funny. When I was like 12 or something, it was pretty scary at that time.

#### “THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS”

**Scott Darling**, Blackhawks goaltender

I like the Hannibal series, all the Hannibal movies, “Red Dragon,” “Silence of the Lambs.”

#### “THE STRANGERS”

**Tyler Motte**, Blackhawks forward

I’m not a scary movie guy, I get too scared. “[The] Strangers,” that’s the last scary movie I watched. At the end they go, “Why did you do this to us?” And they go, “Because you’re home.” Never watched a scary movie after that. Can’t watch scary movies anymore.



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# eat & drink



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# GATHER 'ROUND, BOYS & GHOULS

## WHERE TO EAT, DRINK AND PARTY YOUR WAY THROUGH HALLOWEEN

By Heather Schroering | REDEYE

**A**dult trick-or-treating is kind of creepy, right? And not in the spooky Halloween way. But big kids can still get in on the fun without going door-to-door (and sans dirty looks from the neighbors). The next 12 days are mad with Halloween debauchery, and we've got your trick-or-treating map right here. Check out 13 tricks, from a "Stranger Things" pingpong party to a Halloween-themed burlesque, and seven treats, including urban legends-inspired cocktails and \$3 horror flicks. Watch out, these deals are scary good.

### TRICKS

#### 203 Fear Street Party

Cerise at Virgin Hotel Chicago  
203 N. Wabash Ave. 312-940-4774

The rooftop bar in The Loop becomes a spooky neon voodoo den with DJ sets from English pop singer Little Boots and The Hood Internet and New Orleans voodoo-inspired cocktails. The Commons Club downstairs shows slasher films while DJs Nick Castle, Mamabear and The Golden Pony spin the beats. Costumes required. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Oct. 29. \$20 (no cover at Commons Club). Tickets: [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

#### Stranger Pings

AceBounce  
230 N. Clark St. 773-219-0900

Mouthbreathers be gone. This is a party for the bravest bunch out to backhand some pingpong balls like they're taking out a Demogorgon. DJ Barb provides the tunes while guests enjoy '80s-themed cocktails and bites (included until 10 p.m., cash bar following) and unlimited pingpong all night. Best dressed will win a year of free

pingpong and other prizes. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Oct. 29. \$29-\$40. Tickets are not available at the door. Tickets: [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

#### Bit Bash Little Bash of Horrors

Bottom Lounge  
1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775  
Play spooky games, including Capsule and Monsters & Monocles, at this video game gathering with cocktails and beer deals. Catch Halloween-themed music acts Mogi Grumbles and Spookyboys and Benedict Fritz with house jams. 7-11 p.m. Oct. 28. \$25-\$30. Tickets: [bitbashchicago.com](http://bitbashchicago.com)

#### Mind Tricks: A Hip-Hop Halloween Party Like No Other

The Promontory  
5311 S. Lake Park Ave. West  
312-801-2100  
Get down and dancey at this banger with Geto Boys rapper Bushwick Bill, DJs Mark Flava and Jay Illa and cash prizes for best costume. 10 p.m.-3 a.m. Oct. 29. \$20-\$40. Tickets: [promontorychicago.com](http://promontorychicago.com)

**Studio 564****CH Distillery**

564 W. Randolph St. 312-707-8780

Break out your best sequined suit and get ready to disco. The cocktail bar at the West Loop distillery transforms into a groovy '70s-era nightclub inspired by New York's Studio 54. Grab a Harvey Wall Banger (vanilla-anise vodka and orange juice, \$12) from the bar, munch on deviled eggs and cocktail wieners (\$6 each) and boogie down with the DJ under a disco ball. 5 p.m.-midnight Oct. 29. No cover.

**Falloween Fest****Saint Lou's Assembly**

664 W. Lake St. 312-600-0600

Celebrate all things autumn with pumpkin carving and a doggy costume contest in the afternoon (4:30 p.m.) and an adult costume contest in the evening (10 p.m.) on the restaurant's back patio. Gulp \$6 spiked cider, bloody marys and Punk'n Harvest pumpkin ale by Uinta Brewing and nosh on \$7 Grand Marnier-drizzled mini-beignets served on top of cheese and caramel popcorn. 3 p.m.-midnight Oct. 22. No cover.

**An Alice in Wonderland Spooktacular Night****The Rabbit Hole**

1208 N. Wells St. 312-274-1824

Old Town's new watering hole inspired by Lewis Carroll's peculiar fantasy land offers themed buffet-style bites, such as Jabberwock Angus beef sliders, and bevvies including a pumpkin old fashioned (\$13), beer and wine. Tickets include three drink tickets, games like Jenga and Pictionary and sets from costumed DJs. Dressing up is encouraged. 8-11 p.m. Oct. 28. \$30. Tickets: [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

**Nocturna All Hallow's Eve Ball****Metro**

3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-4140

DJ Scary Lady Sarah spins current and classic goth, post-punk, shoegaze, new wave and more at the annual goth bash in its 28th year. Along with a photo booth, special performances and spooky vendors, a costume contest features cash prizes, concert tickets, gift certificates to goth-friendly businesses and more. 11 p.m.-4 a.m. Oct. 28. \$18 (\$15 with costume), \$17 online. Tickets: [metrochicago.com](http://metrochicago.com)

**Saved by the Max Presents The Attic****Debonair Social Club**

1575 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-7990

The folks behind the "Saved by the Bell" pop-up diner take over the Wicker Park bar and transform it into

**Step into the Dark at Chicago Athletic Association Hotel****Just Like Snickers bars from Beatrix**

the infamous nightclub the under-age cast snuck into in Season 3. Get preppy, flash your (real) ID and bust a move on the dance floor to hits from the '80s and '90s. Take advantage of a photo booth and Bayside-inspired cocktails, such as The Melanie Morris maple syrup old fashioned (\$8). 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Oct. 28. \$20.

**'Ghost Stories'****Under the Gun Theater**

956 W. Newport Ave. 773-270-3440

Sip Halloween-themed cocktails at this improv comedy show based on scary stories from guest storytellers Jeremy Adler, Rebecca Grossman and more. 9 p.m. Oct. 22 and 29 and Nov. 5 and 12. \$12. Tickets: [underthegun.theater](http://underthegun.theater)

**Step into the Dark****Chicago Athletic Association Hotel**

12 S. Michigan Ave. 312-940-3552

The Loop hotel offers an otherworldly experience at the second annual event on four floors that culminates in a concert with country artist Nikki Lane (10 p.m.). Start with palm and tarot card readings in The Tank on the first floor then move to the second floor for spooky tunes by Reckless Records DJs and performances from Darling Shear, Holly Chernobyl and more in the Game Room and Drawing Room. The concert, presented by The Empty Bottle, in the hotel's fourth floor gymnasium Stagg Court also features an aura photography lab by Radiant Human

**TREATS****Green Street Local**

130 S. Green St. 312-226-6565

Sink your teeth into the West Loop spot's Scary Good s'more skillet cookie, an 11-minute chocolate chip cookie sprinkled with toasted marshmallows, Reese's Pieces, Golden Grahams cereal and vanilla ice cream (\$9).

**The New 400 Theater**

6746 N. Sheridan Road 773-856-5977

Cash in on \$3 cocktails and \$3 horror flicks, such as "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" and "House on Haunted Hill," at 9 p.m. each night from Oct. 24-31 at the Rogers Park movie theater's Scarefest. Tickets: [thenew400.com/events](http://thenew400.com/events)

**DMK Burger Bar**

2954 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-360-8686

This spooky good deal features the Bloody Burger, Australian grass-fed sirloin tartare, garlic aioli, salt and vinegar potato chips and a fried egg on garlic toast (\$14), available now through November, and the All Treats No Tricks Shake, a mix of M&Ms, Butterfinger and other candy in vanilla ice cream (\$6), on offer Oct. 26-Nov. 1.

**Beatrix**

519 N. Clark St. 312-284-1377

and 671 N. St. Clair St. 312-642-0001

Stop by the River North or Streeterville location in costume Oct. 31 and get half off a pastry. The Just Like Snickers bar, butter crust with caramel, peanut butter and chocolate filling topped with chopped peanuts, peanut butter and a drizzle of chocolate, is available now (\$1.25).

**Firecakes Donuts**68 W. Hubbard St. 312-329-6500  
and 2453 N. Clark St. 773-666-5277

Treat yourself to doughnuts including pumpkin pie with candied pecans (\$2.95) and apple cider with a caramel glaze (\$2.79) all month long at the River North and Lincoln Park doughnut shops.

**Magnolia Bakery**

108 N. State St. 312-346-7777

Enjoy scary delicious treats, such as the devil's food Boo! Cupcake filled with an orange-tinted white chocolate truffle center and topped with ganache (\$3.75).

**Presidio**

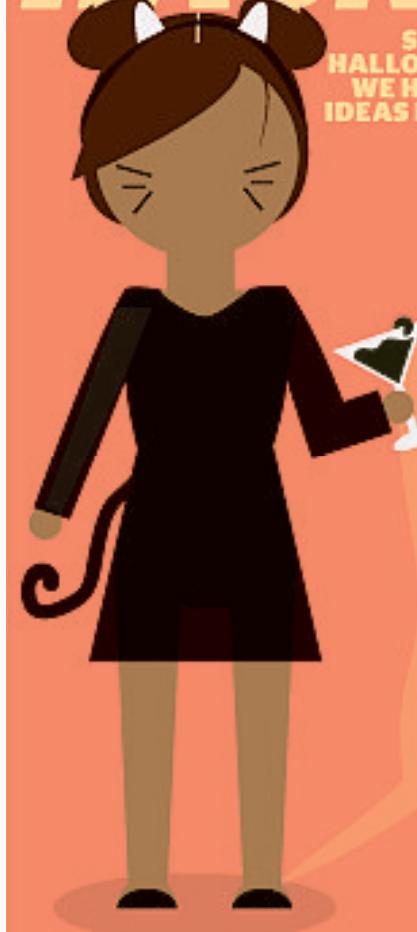
1749 N. Damen Ave. 773-697-3315

Tales are as tall as the glasses on this Bucktown bar's urban legends-inspired menu, with sips like The Hitchhiker, a concoction of rye, scotch, coconut horchata, smoked boba pearls and maple vanilla chai (\$14). [OHITSHEATHER.HSCHROERING@REDEYECHICAGO.COM](http://OHITSHEATHER.HSCHROERING@REDEYECHICAGO.COM)

# style

## IF YOU'VE GOT IT, **HAUNT IT**

STILL NEED A  
HALLOWEEN COSTUME?  
WE HAVE PLENTY OF  
IDEAS INSPIRED BY 2016



Written by Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE  
Illustrations by Emily Wolfe | FOR REDEYE

After the breeze has cooled, the leaves have shifted from green to rust and you've finally traded in your flip-flops for more sensible ankle boots, it's time for another annual transformation: everyday you into spooky, sexy, up-on-your-current-events Halloween you. Overall, it's been a bummer of a year headline-wise, but we were able to round up a few 2016-inspired looks for you and your fellow trick-or-treaters to try, no matter how you plan to celebrate. Unless, of course, you plan to celebrate as Sexy Harambe. You're on your own with that one.

### NEWS JUNKIE



**Pokémon Go**  
Remember when Pokémon Go and its societal repercussions were all anybody could talk about? Us too. Designate a Charmander or Pikachu and have the rest of your posse bury their faces in their phones while walking down the street.

### 'Chicago' TV shows



One of you can be "Chicago Med," another can be "Chicago Fire," another can be "Chicago P.D." and another "Chicago Justice." Dick Wolf and the city's burgeoning TV and filmmaking industry would be so proud.

### TASTEFUL TRIBUTE-IST



**Gene Wilder characters**  
Willy Wonka? Skip Donahue? Dr. Frankenstein? Waco Kid? The late comic genius we lost in 2016 was known for his versatility, and you and your crew can give props to all his different facets at once.

### POP CULTURE ADDICT



### 'Stranger Things'

This year's buzziest cultural touchstones came complete with easily replicable heroes. A frilly dress and a bloody nose? You're Eleven (shaved head optional).

### OLYMPIC FANBOY/FANGIRL



### The Final Five

It's semi-predictable, but after they absolutely slayed in Rio, dressing up in the patriotic flair and badass attitudes of U.S. gymnasts Simone Biles, Aly Raisman, Gabby Douglas, Laurie Hernandez and Madison Kocian is always a go.



### Ryan Lochte

Platinum hairspray, a Speedo or goggles, a pair of toy handcuffs and a permanently bewildered facial expression, and you're good to go.



### Katie Ledecky & gold medal

Is there a greater love story than that of superhuman swimmer Katie Ledecky and her passion for victory? Deck one half of your duo in swim gear and the other in all shimmering gold, accessorizing with four medals.



### Shirtless Tongan flagbearer

True Olympic superfans will love the obscure reference to the dude who broke Twitter during this year's opening ceremony. Your funny friend will just need a traditional necklace like oiled-up taekwondo athlete Pita Taufatofua sported on TV and, of course, a Tongan flag.



### Alexander Hamilton

Lin-Manuel Miranda's smash hit musical, which just kicked off its Chicago run, made the founding fathers cool again. With a pair of Revolutionary-era breeches or a powdered wig, your dog or cat or bunny can keep the theme going.



### A Butterfly & a Bee

Bring Muhammad Ali's famous quote to life with an evening of floating and stinging accordingly.



### 'To Kill A Mockingbird'

Author Harper Lee died in February, and her classic novel has plenty of colorful characters to choose from. Scout dressed as a ham, perhaps?



### Prince

Pay your respects to the flashy music legend the world said goodbye to this year—emphasis on "respect." Nobody thinks Zombie Prince is funny, we promise.



### Hillary & Donald

Just be ready to fist-light revelers you may encounter on the other side of the aisle (or bar). The election is just around the corner.



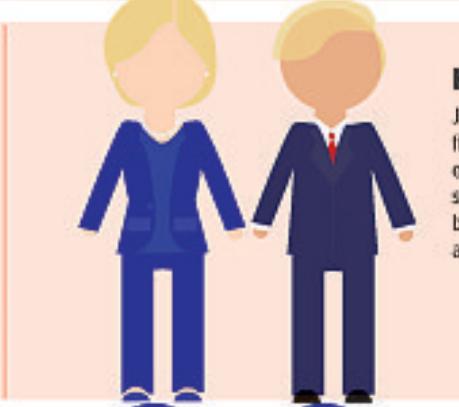
### A Drone

A tied-on plastic propeller is plenty to get that whole "the future is now" idea across.



### Brexit

An exit sign plus a Union Jack shirt.



### Guaranteed Rate Stadium

That is, if your pet is comfortable sporting the worst sports arena name ever conceived.



### The Lucas Museum

With some printed out Star Wars photos, you can be the lake-side attraction that could have been. (Too soon?)



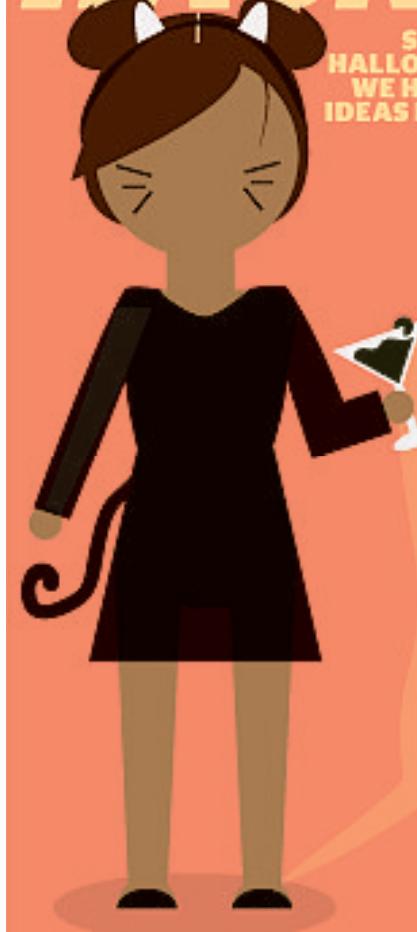
### Anthony Rizzo & Kris Bryant

Celebrate the Cubs' unfamiliar winning streak as two of the team's stars.

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### NEWS JUNKIE



**Pokémon Go**  
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### 'Stranger Things'

This year's buzziest cultural touchstones came complete with easily replicable heroes. A frilly dress and a bloody nose? You're Eleven (shaved head optional).

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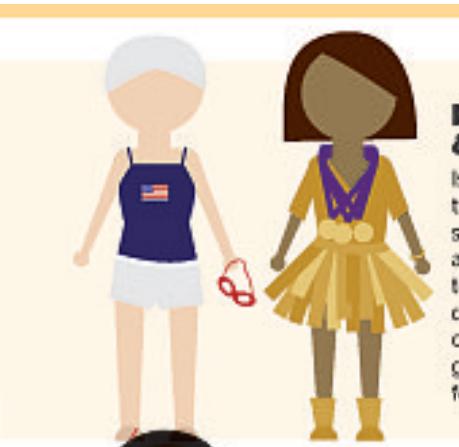
### The Final Five

It's semi-predictable, but after they absolutely slayed in Rio, dressing up in the patriotic flair and badass attitudes of U.S. gymnasts Simone Biles, Aly Raisman, Gabby Douglas, Laurie Hernandez and Madison Kocian is always a go.



### Ryan Lochte

Platinum hairspray, a Speedo or goggles, a pair of toy handcuffs and a permanently bewildered facial expression, and you're good to go.



### Katie Ledecky & gold medal

Is there a greater love story than that of superhuman swimmer Katie Ledecky and her passion for victory? Deck one half of your duo in swim gear and the other in all shimmering gold, accessorizing with four medals.



### Shirtless Tongan flagbearer

True Olympic superfans will love the obscure reference to the dude who broke Twitter during this year's opening ceremony. Your funny friend will just need a traditional necklace like oiled-up taekwondo athlete Pita Taufatofua sported on TV and, of course, a Tongan flag.



### Alexander Hamilton

Lin-Manuel Miranda's smash hit musical, which just kicked off its Chicago run, made the founding fathers cool again. With a pair of Revolutionary-era breeches or a powdered wig, your dog or cat or bunny can keep the theme going.



### 'To Kill A Mockingbird'

Author Harper Lee died in February, and her classic novel has plenty of colorful characters to choose from. Scout dressed as a ham, perhaps?



### Lemonade

Get your look in formation with a literal all-yellow homage to Queen Bey's groundbreaking visual album (accessorize with a can of Country Time or a copy of the album if you think nobody will get it).



### Harry Potter & the Cursed Child

Potterheads who camped out to get their hands on a copy of the new play when it was released in July can take their magical devotion to the next level as adult Harry and his stressed-out younger son Albus Potter.



### A Drone

A tied-on plastic propeller is plenty to get that whole "the future is now" idea across.



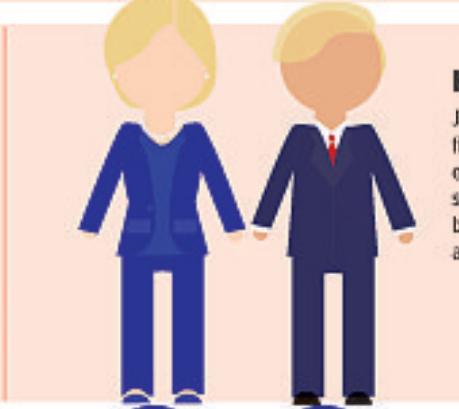
### Prince

Pay your respects to the flashy music legend the world said goodbye to this year—emphasis on "respect." Nobody thinks Zombie Prince is funny, we promise.



### A Butterfly & a Bee

Bring Muhammad Ali's famous quote to life with an evening of floating and stinging accordingly.



### Hillary & Donald

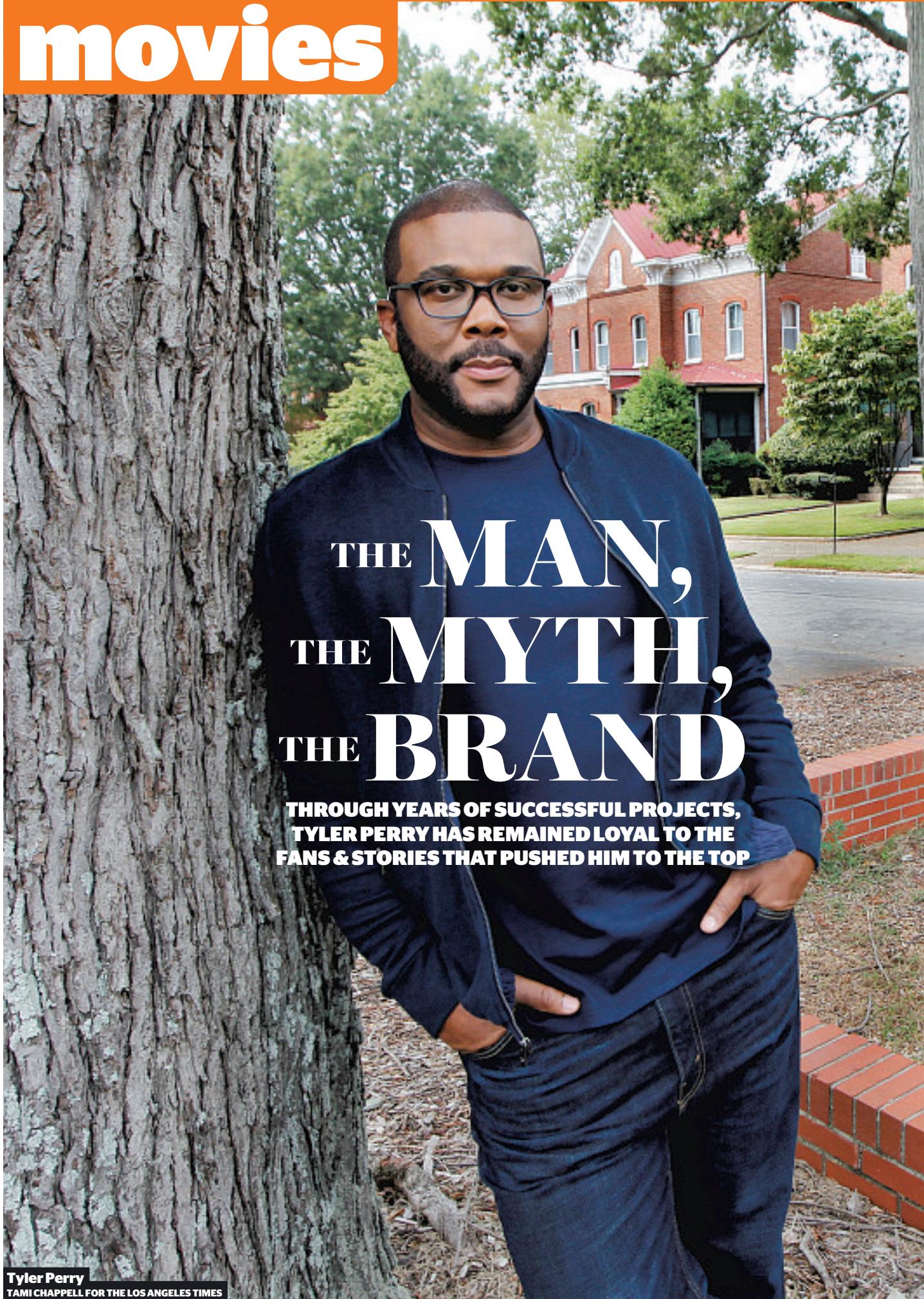
Just be ready to fist-light revelers you may encounter on the other side of the aisle (or bar). The election is just around the corner.



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# movies



## THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE BRAND

THROUGH YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS,  
TYLER PERRY HAS REMAINED LOYAL TO THE  
FANS & STORIES THAT PUSHED HIM TO THE TOP

Tyler Perry

TAMI CHAPPELL FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

By Shelbie Lynn Bostedt | REDEYE

Since 2005, Tyler Perry's name has come before about 20 films. He's written, directed, produced and starred in more than half of them. He's close friends with Oprah Winfrey and has five television shows currently airing. Twenty plays written, directed and produced by Perry have toured the U.S. since 1998.

Perry has, obviously, come a long way since growing up outside New Orleans. It was watching Winfrey on her eponymous long-running talk show that spurred him to start writing, and he simply never stopped. After penning his first stage play, "I Know I've Been Changed," Perry moved to Atlanta, a city he called "the promised land."

"I went there for the first time and I saw black people doing well, being college-educated, working jobs in suits and keeping their families together," Perry said. "It was an eye-opener. I decided I wanted to live in a place that fostered that kind of growth for African-Americans."

At 22 years old, Perry used \$12,000 of his own savings to finance the first-ever production of "I Know I've Been Changed," which was a resounding flop. But with eight years and a lot of persistence, Perry eventually created a successful run, and by 2005, he had sold "more than \$100 million in tickets, \$30 million in videos of his shows and an estimated \$20 million in merchandise," according to Forbes.

It was then that Perry decided to make the switch from stage to film and television.

"I thought it would just be stage, but then I realized so many people were coming and we didn't have the capacity to tell the stories to reach as many people as were trying to get in the door," Perry said. "We were selling out everywhere, selling out arenas, and I thought, 'OK, I should go to television, I should go to film,' so I would be able to tell these stories and not kill myself trying to make it all through the country."

From the get-go, the words "Tyler Perry presents ..." have preceded the title of any production, whether it be on the stage, the big screen or television. For Perry, those three words speak volumes.

"I knew if I was going to build a brand early on that people needed to remember my name," Perry said. "If you're going to see a 'Tyler Perry' movie, you know what to expect."

And what people expect is a very certain kind of film. For Perry, his work allows him to reach those who have been with him from the start, an homage to people who know where he comes from and follow his work.

After 20 years spent on the screen and 11 behind—or in front of—the camera, these fans are who Perry constantly thinks of when writing and producing the films that carry the "Tyler Perry presents ..." label.

"I know that what I've never done is I've never left my base," he said. "Some actors and directors leave their base as they get higher in



**Tyler Perry as Madea in  
'Boo! A Madea Halloween'**

the industry, which I will never do. ... It would be like if Coca-Cola decided to stop making Coca-Cola for certain people. When you're a brand, you have to serve your audience."

That isn't to say that his films can't be for everyone. Perry said the themes of his newest film "Boo! A Madea Halloween"—raising children and handling disrespect within a family—are universal.

In the film, Brian (Madea's nephew) is having a hard time controlling his teenage daughter, Tiffany. Despite Brian's attempts to discipline Tiffany, she continues to disrespect him, until Madea comes to the rescue with parenting advice such as "You have to beat that child's ass!"

Perry himself had a child with his partner, Gelila Bekele, almost two years ago. Their son, Aman, doesn't ever make Perry get to a Madea level of discipline, thankfully. According to Perry, Madea's parenting techniques are "too much"—clearly.

"I'm like 75 percent Brian, 25 percent Madea," Perry said of his parenting style. "I could never be Madea, that's way too much. Nobody's gonna push him off a roof."

Perry said Aman is just beginning to make his own decisions, choosing his own clothes and shoes, so his Halloween costume will be up to him (he was Batman last year). Perry recalled that when the time came for him to choose a costume as a child, his mom—who passed away in 2009—had to bring down the parental hammer.

"I didn't have a costume so I was just going to wear a sheet over my head and be a ghost," Perry said. "My mom saw me and was like, 'Not in this neighborhood, you're not gonna be wearing a sheet,' so that was pretty scary."

His mother's "hammer" was part of Perry's inspiration for Madea, making the character especially close to his heart, but he isn't afraid to branch out. In 2014, Perry starred in "Gone Girl" as a defense attorney tasked with defending Ben Affleck's Nick Dunne when his wife, Amy, disappears.

"When David Fincher calls, you don't say no," he said. "Working with [them] was like going to college. It was a learning experience for me about film and opened my eyes to how things should be done."

Perry has also had bit parts in 2009's "Star Trek" and, more recently, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows" and "Brain on Fire," both out this year.

While those are only a small portion of his larger collection of films, if the timing is right, Perry makes it a point to take on projects where he doesn't need to wear a ridiculous number of hats.

"For me it's an opportunity to relax," he joked. "I can just let go and let them lead the way and take charge."

But without fail, Perry always returns to the characters that his audience knows and loves—and have loved since 1998. Having grown roots in Atlanta and been shaped by the theater community, those who saw him in his earliest days now follow his films religiously and can see themselves reflected in his work, which makes his films as popular as they are.

This was apparent in the passionate crowd at a screening for "Boo! A Madea Halloween." Men, women and children alike all swarmed as Perry made an appearance at Showplace ICON for the screening, and responded uproariously when Perry reminded the crowd that Chicago was where Madea got her start ("After an actress didn't show up, I took both her lines and mine," Perry said. "The audience loved it").

"I'm always talking to them initially," he said of this audience. Whether on screen or on stage, Perry shapes his work around the characters that his "base" is already familiar with.

"Madea is going to be Madea wherever she is," Perry said. "She's huge on stage and she's only a little bit smaller on film, so she's all about just letting it be, letting the story tell itself no matter where it's taking place."

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## A not-made-for-TV movie



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For some reason, TV musicals have become a thing, but "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is ... different. A parody ode to old sci-fi and horror B movies, the 1975 musical comedy horror film has been a mainstay in theaters since then. Having been to a few showings, I sat down to see if Fox's remake, "Let's Do the Time Warp Again," does the original justice.

### What happens?

After their car breaks down, recently engaged Brad (Ryan McCartan) and Janet (Victoria Justice) venture for help to the mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter (Laverne Cox), a gender-fluid mad scientist with a cult of weird and wacky followers. A la Frankenstein, Frank-N-Furter brings creation Rocky (Staz Nair) to life, and Brad and Janet get pulled further into Frank-N-Furter's world when their sexuality is awakened by Frank-N-Furter seducing them—separately.

### What's good?

Props to Fox for venturing outside the musical comfort zone. Cox absolutely commands the screen as Frank-N-Furter, channeling the spirit of the original while also making the character her own.

### What's bad?

The movie within a movie format is really bad. Fox's remake is actually about a theater of people watching "TRHPS," so the camera sporadically cuts back to them doing audience participation rituals that have become "Rocky Horror" tradition. It's a nod to the film's cult following, but it's forced and confusing.

The remake also waters down the sexual edge, instead relying heavily on amping the camp. Understandable for network TV, but then why choose "Rocky Horror" at all?

### Final verdict

"Rocky Horror" fans might as well give it a shot, if only to renew your conviction that watching it in a theater full of half-drunk bozos is best. If you have no idea what this has all been about, go out and find the nearest theater showing "TRHPS" and turn in your "Rocky Horror" V-card there instead.

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# theater



**Bernie Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street ...'s Brother**

By Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE

Step away from the Netflix marathon and find your way into one of these local theaters for a belly laugh this week. Your guide to Chicago's affordable and under-the-radar comedy scene awaits.

**GWENDOLYN PURDOM IS A REDEYE CONTRIBUTOR.**

**FRIDAY**

**Pay 2 Slay**

**The Public House Theatre**

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The sketches in this twice-weekly ensemble show sneak into spooky territory this month, covering everything from trick-or-treating to horror movie icons to alien autopsies. Can't make it this week? The production runs every Friday and Saturday through October. 10 p.m. \$10.

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**Bernie Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street ...'s Brother**

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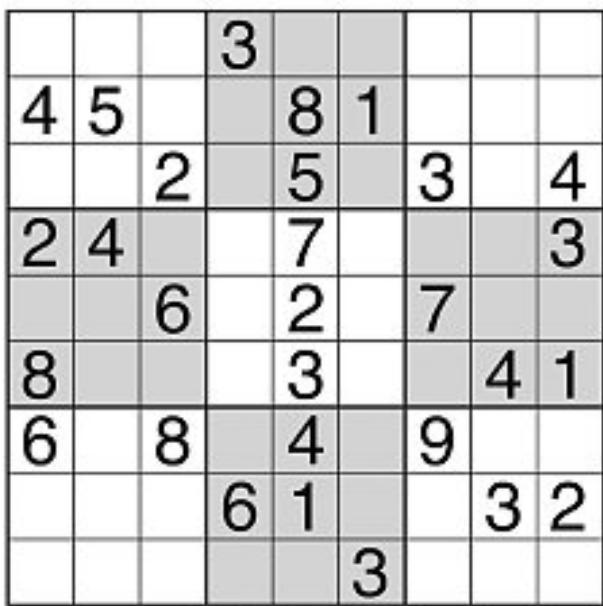


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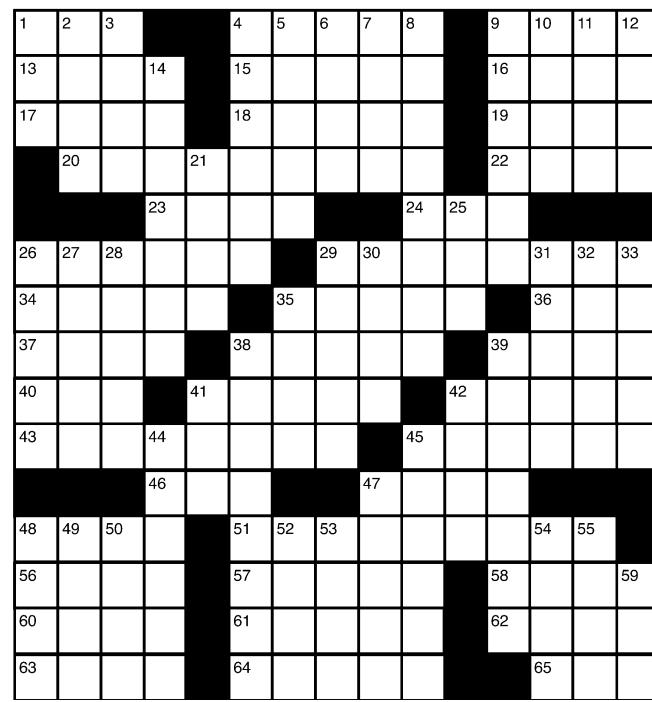
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1 Space; opening  
 4 Tiny  
 9 Piece of china  
 13 "Woe is me!"  
 15 Lake boat  
 16 Chocolate-covered caramel candy  
 17 In case  
 18 Go \_\_\_ a limb; take a risk  
 19 Fills with wonder  
 20 Very surprising  
 22 Created  
 23 Facial twitches  
 24 Actress Leoni  
 26 Fail to sit up straight  
 29 Magic and Van  
 34 Boyhood  
 35 Amazed  
 36 Sticky stuff  
 37 Learn by \_\_\_; memorize  
 38 Stolen  
 39 Newspaper nickname  
 40 Utilize  
 41 Uninterested due to monotony  
 42 Waterbirds  
 43 Goes on stage  
 45 Blackboard clearer  
 46 Cereal grain  
 47 Speaker's platform  
 48 Title for former Russian rulers  
 51 Sickness  
 56 Rat \_\_\_; daily grind  
 57 Find out  
 58 Have to have  
 60 Change for a five  
 61 T-shirt size  
 62 \_\_\_ up; prepare  
 63 Fluid-filled sac  
 64 Carrying a gun  
 65 Bashful

## DOWN

1 Four qts.  
 2 Tavern orders  
 3 Over and done  
 4 Tape variety  
 5 Manhandles  
 6 Prefix for body or histamine  
 7 Diving bird  
 8 Extend  
 9 Plays  
 10 Cedar Rapids' state  
 11 \_\_\_ dog; husky or malamute  
 12 Rubber tube  
 14 Written rule  
 21 Well-to-do  
 25 At the \_\_\_ of the day; ultimately  
 26 Pancake topper  
 27 Baggy  
 28 External  
 29 Comedian's repertoire  
 30 Ran up a bill  
 31 Villains  
 32 Clamor  
 33 Not smashed  
 35 Summer forecast  
 38 Taco shell  
 39 Playful mockery  
 41 Squeezing snake  
 42 Gloomy  
 44 Woods

45 Deserved  
 47 Funeral song  
 48 Swamp critter, for short  
 49 Kooky  
 50 Top cards  
 52 Close by  
 53 Old MacDonald's place  
 54 Pegs for Tiger  
 55 Slangy affirmative  
 59 Parched



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2013 FORD E-350 XLT--WHITE--15 PASS--V8--53551A	\$18,977.00
2013 FORD F-150 XLT--GRAY--S/CAB--FULL POWER--4X4--53690A	\$23,977.00
2015 NISSAN ROGUE SL--BLACK--LTHR--ROOF--NAVI-AWD--53244A	\$25,977.00
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2010 CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV--WHITE--LUXURY--EVERYTHING--53542A	\$27,977.00
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2015 DODGE DART SXT--WHITE--ALLOYS--XP19867	\$12,977.00
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2016 FORD FUSION SE LUXURY--BLACK--LTHR--ROOF--XP19660	\$18,977.00
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**REESE'S PEANUT BUTTER CUPS**

1 snack size cup

Calories: 85

How many you'd have to eat: 24

Sugar: 204 grams


**CANDY CORN**

7 pieces

Calories: 7.37

How many you'd have to eat: 272

Sugar: 401 grams


**KIT KAT**

1 snack size bar

Calories: 70

How many you'd have to eat: 29

Sugar: 203 grams

**SKITTLES**

1 fun size bag

Calories: 60

How many you'd have to eat: 34

Sugar: 374 grams


**M&Ms**

1 fun size bag

Calories: 60

How many you'd have to eat: 34

Sugar: 306 grams



## LET YOUR HALLOWEEN CANDY GO TO WAIST

By Sara Amato | REDEYE

It's Halloween time, and you know that can only mean one thing: SOOO MUCH CANDY! Even if you don't trick or treat, you still, for some reason, have loads and loads of candy. Sometimes it feels like that's all you eat for every meal for an entire month after Halloween. I broke down eight candies and their nutritional information so you can see just how many you need to eat to hit your max calories for the day. (I'm basing this on about 2,000 calories per day. Don't worry, I eat at least triple that.) I also included the sugar intake for all 2,000 calories, in case you needed a reason not to indulge, but c'mon, live a little.

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**STARBURSTS**

1 two-piece pack

Calories: 40

How many you'd have to eat: 50

Sugar: 275 grams


**SNICKERS**

1 fun size bar

Calories: 80

How many you'd have to eat: 25

Sugar: 225 grams


**ALMOND JOY**

1 snack size bar

Calories: 80

How many you'd have to eat: 25

Sugar: 200 grams